

REMARKS

I. Substance of Examiner Interview

Applicants thank Examiner Mertz for the telephone interview with Applicant's representative on January 22, 2009, regarding the present application and proposed claim amendments that may place the application in condition for allowance.

During the interview, the participants discussed preparing a new set of claims reciting the subject matter of the claims currently under consideration in a proper order, and deleting the subject matter of the withdrawn claims directed to infectious viral particles. The Examiner's helpful comments and suggestions are greatly appreciated.

II. Claim Amendments

Further to the interview, claims 17-29, 42-47, 54, and 55 have been canceled, and new claims 56-72 have been added.

The amendments to the claims, including cancellation of claims, have been made without prejudice or disclaimer to any subject matter recited or canceled herein. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional applications directed to any canceled subject matter. No new matter has been added, and entry of the foregoing amendments to the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Favorable consideration of the subject application, in light of the following remarks, are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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